

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8539–S8579

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1778–1784, and S. Res. 312–313. **Page S8565**

Measures Reported:

S. 944, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require courses of education provided by public institutions of higher education that are approved for purposes of the All-Volunteer Force Educational Assistance Program and Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to charge veterans tuition and fees at the in-State tuition rate, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–123)

S. 1386, to provide for enhanced embassy security, with amendments. **Page S8565**

Measures Passed:

Undetectable Firearms Act: Senate passed H.R. 3626, to extend the Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988 for 10 years. **Pages S8554–56**

Measures Considered:

Workforce Investment Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1356, to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to strengthen the United States workforce development system through innovation in, and alignment and improvement of, employment, training, and education programs in the United States, and to promote individual and national economic growth. **Pages S8539–40**

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1197, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2014 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for

such fiscal year, taking action on the following amendments and motion proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Reid (for Levin/Inhofe) Amendment No. 2123, to increase to \$5,000,000,000 the ceiling on the general transfer authority of the Department of Defense. **Page S8548**

Reid (for Levin/Inhofe) Amendment No. 2124 (to Amendment No. 2123), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8548**

Reid motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2305, to change the enactment date. **Page S8548**

Reid Amendment No. 2306 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2305), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8548**

Reid Amendment No. 2307 (to Amendment No. 2306), of a perfecting nature. **Page S8548**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, an Agreement on Social Security between the United States and the Swiss Confederation, consisting of a principal agreement and an administrative agreement; which was referred to the Committee on Finance. (PM–25) **Pages S8561–62**

Millett Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Patricia Ann Millett, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. **Pages S8552–53**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the previous order of Thursday, November 21, 2013, with respect to the vote on confirmation of the nomination be modified so that the vote occur immediately following any Leader remarks on Tuesday, December 10, 2013. **Page S8574**

Feldblum Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Chai Rachel Feldblum, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. **Pages S8558–59**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Wednesday, December 11, 2013. **Pages S8558–59**

Wolford Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Elizabeth A. Wolford, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York. **Page S8559**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Chai Rachel Feldblum, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. **Page S8559**

McCafferty Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Landya B. McCafferty, of New Hampshire, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire. **Page S8559**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Elizabeth A. Wolford, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York. **Page S8559**

Wald Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Patricia M. Wald, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board. **Page S8559**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Landya B. McCafferty, of New Hampshire, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Hampshire. **Page S8559**

Morris Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Brian Morris, of Montana, to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana. **Page S8559**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Patricia M. Wald, of the Dis-

trict of Columbia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board. **Page S8559**

Watters Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Susan P. Watters, of Montana, to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana. **Page S8560**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Brian Morris, of Montana, to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana. **Page S8560**

James Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Deborah Lee James, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Air Force. **Page S8560**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Susan P. Watters, of Montana, to be United States District Judge for the District of Montana. **Page S8560**

Higginbottom Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Heather Anne Higginbottom, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources. **Page S8560**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Deborah Lee James, of Virginia, to be Secretary of the Air Force. **Page S8560**

Patterson Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Anne W. Patterson, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Ambassador, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs). **Page S8560**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Heather Anne Higginbottom, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources. **Page S8560**

Johnson Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jeh Charles Johnson, of New Jersey, to be Secretary of Homeland Security. **Pages S8560–61**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the

Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Anne W. Patterson, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Ambassador, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs).

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:46 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8574.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 3674–3682; and H. Res. 434 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: Page H7608

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3521, to authorize Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility leases, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–284);

H.R. 1447, to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–285); and

H.R. 3627, to require the Attorney General to report on State law penalties for certain child abusers, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–286).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Denham to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 12:01 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:04 p.m. and reconvened at 4:59 p.m.

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Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Kilab Davenport Child Protection Act of 2013: H.R. 3627, to require the Attorney General to report on State law penalties for certain child abusers.

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Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure—Communication: Read a letter from Chairman Shuster wherein he transmitted copies of resolutions to authorize five lease prospectuses included in the General Services Administration's FY2011 and FY2014 Capital Investment and Leasing Programs. The resolutions were adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on December 4, 2013.

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United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission—Reappointment: Read a letter from Representative Pelosi, Democratic Leader, in which she reappointed the following individuals to the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission: Ms. Carolyn Bartholomew of Washington, DC and Mr. Jeffrey L. Fiedler of Great Falls, VA.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon tomorrow, December 10th, for morning hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted an Agreement on Social Security between the United States of America and the Swiss Confederation, signed at Bern on December 3, 2012—referred to the Committee on